

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 986  
By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dustin Merritt, 2004  
Valedictorian of Heritage High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Dustin Merritt is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Heritage High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Dustin Merritt has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Dustin has earned an exemplary 4.7143 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, he has earned numerous honors during his high school years, including being named Scholar Athlete of the Year and a Student of Distinction, in addition to representing his school as a Boys' State Delegate and at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Seminar; and

WHEREAS, excelling on the playing fields as well as in the classroom, Dustin Merritt proudly represented Heritage High School as a four-year member of the football team and a two-year member of the baseball team; and

WHEREAS, highly involved in his school and community, Dustin is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and participated in annual mission trips as a member of his church youth group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, as is evident in his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy; and

WHEREAS, Dustin's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Terry and Sheila Merritt, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Dustin Merritt's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Heritage High School Valedictorian, Dustin Merritt, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.